
Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains from Oahu, Hawaii, Formerly in the Possession of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of the inventory of human remains from Oahu, Hawaii, formerly in the possession of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

The detailed inventory and assessment of the two sets of human remains from Oahu has been made by the museum staff and representatives of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, a nonprofit, Native Hawaiian organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Hawaii and recognized under 25 U.S.C. 3001 (6) to provide guidance and expertise in decisions dealing with Native Hawaiian cultural issues, particularly burial issues.

The two sets of remains were given to the museum in 1940 by a private collector. Accession records indicate the remains came from the island of Oahu, Hawaii.

The human remains identified as 11-108 are very well preserved and nearly complete. They represent an adult female aged between 30 and 40 years at death. While precise identification of cultural affiliation is difficult, an assignment of this individual to the Mongoloid group can be made based on the intermediate grade alveolar prognathism and nasal shape, narrowing of the nasal bone at the nasal bridge, prominent forward-projecting cheek bones, straight facial profile, circular orbits, and a moderately wide palate. There are no morphological features evident that would suggest that the remains are anything other than those of a Hawaiian.

The human remains identified as 11-107 are nearly complete and represent an unknown sex juvenile aged between 3 and 5 years at death. Precise cultural affiliation of this juvenile is not possible. However, no morphological features evident in the remains would suggest that they are anything other than those of a Hawaiian.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Oregon, have determined pursuant to 25 U.S.C. (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these remains and present-day Native Hawaiian organizations.

Representatives of culturally affiliated Native Hawaiian organizations are advised that the human remains have been transferred to representatives of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna 'O Hawai'i Nei who have agreed to delay reinterment until March 10, 1993, after which they may be reinterred. This notice has been sent of officials of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Representatives of any other Native Hawaiian organization that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Don E. Dumond, Museum of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, telephone: (503) 346-5120, and Edward Ayau, Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, P.O. Box 190, Hale'iwa HI 96712-0190 (808) 587-0010, before March 10, 1993.

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